

- (b) if so when ;
- (c) at what stage it is now ;
- (d) if any damage has been caused to it now by monsoon ;
- (e) whether any harm has been caused to the agriculturists by leaving the work incomplete?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen (*Minister for Rural Development*):

- (a) Yes.
- (b) In 1119.
- (c) The work of the main bund and surplus weir has been carried out and the sluice portion remains to be completed.
- (d) No. Some minor rectifications will have to be carried out and the same will be carried out before the work is completed.
- (e) No.

EDAKUNNI DOBI TANK

119. Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan (*Oorakam*): Will Government be pleased to state.—

- (a) whether the Edakunni Dobi Tank was cleaned in 1120;
- (b) if the answer to the above is in the affirmative, whether its fishing right was auctioned as usual;
- (c) what is the proceeds from the sale if any ;
- (d) whether there had been any complaint regarding this matter?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen (*Minister for Rural Development*):

- (a) Yes.
- (b) No. There was no fish in the tank.
- (c) In the light of answer to (b) no answer is necessary.
- (d) No.

COMMERCIAL INSTITUTE

120. Mr. M. O. Thmakutty (*Commerce and Industry*): Will Government be pleased to state.—

- (a) the names of those who are appointed in the Government Commercial Institute in 1120 and what are their qualifications;
- (b) what is the qualification prescribed by the Government for the appointment of Teachers who are to coach up students for the Madras Government Technical Examination ;
- (c) whether the Calcutta B. Com. Degree is sufficient for teaching and sending up students for the Madras Government Technical Examination?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen (*Minister for Rural Development*):

- (a) (1) Mr. K. J. Vareed, B.A., Diploma in Commerce, Typewriting (Lower). Secondary Trained, Commercial teacher. (2) Mr. M. M. Varkey, B.A., M.L., Lecturer in Mercantile Law.
- (b) The qualification prescribed for the commercial teacher is B.A. and Diploma in Commerce
- (c) Yes.

Announcements of the names of Members for the Labour Advisory Committee

Mr. President : I have to announce that nominations of the following two members alone have been received for the election to the Advisory Committee for Labour, Mr. P. T. Jacob and Mr. P. V. Sebastian. The Hon'ble Members have accordingly been duly elected to the Committee.

Official Bills

1. The Cochin Village Courts Act (Amendment) Bill

Mr. Parambi Lonappen (*Minister for Rural Development*): I move that the Cochin Village Courts Act (Amendment) Bill be taken up and finally passed.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon (*Advocate-General*): I second it.

Motion put and carried

2. The Cochin Co-operative society Act (Amendment) Bill

Mr. Parambi Lonappen (*Minister for Rural Development*): I move that the Cochin Co-operative Societies Act (Amendment) Bill be taken up and finally passed.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon (Advocate-General): I second it.

Motion put and carried :

Non-Official resolution

Resolution No. 4.

Establishment of Responsible Government (cont.)

***Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri):** While the House adjourned yesterday I was on my legs, saying till we reached that day which is generally known as red-letter day in the annals of constitutional reforms in Cochin namely the announcing of the present Diarchical system of administration. That day it was a course of gradual evaluation leading on step by step and gradually further and further to the point. It was a welcome announcement which was accepted by the people of the State for what it was worth. It was never accepted as every thing that was wanted but it was accepted for what it was worth and that was appreciated by all the powers that were concerned in the whole matter. I also referred yesterday to the evaluation of the scheme by competent authority. The then Diwan stated that he has perfectly satisfied with the step that he took in tendering advice to His Highness to introduce Diarchical system of Government here. Three years later, Sir, there was in reply to the statement made by the Public-representatives of the people the statement made by the father of the constitution, Sir Shanmugham Chetty, it is worth being read:—

"The very scheme of the Cochin constitution was framed in such a way as to make the transition from stage to stage easy and simple without any spectacular announcements. The first step, no doubt, we have to announce with a flourish of trumpets, as it were because it was something new, something radically different to what was existing for ages in Indian States. In one of the sections of the Constitutional Act it is provided that His Highness the Maharaja has got the full power to decide from time to time what subjects can be administered by Ministers nominated by him and as I made it plain on many occasions at the time of the inauguration of the new constitution we selected in the first instance such of the subjects as directly affect the life of the rural population and it was His Highness' desire to see the rural population reacts to the administration of the departments by a popular Minister responsible to the Council. I am also free to say that I am not in the least sorry today at the end of three years for the advice that I tendered to His Highness in the matter of constitutional reforms. Whatever might have been the confusion that has been prevailing elsewhere so far as our State is concerned the faith that I have had in the political acumen and judgment of the people of Cochin has been more than justified".

Then further on he says,—

"It has apprehended at one time that these reforms which were condemned as diarchical reforms would be a failure either because the people of Cochin would refuse to work them or because there such inherent difficulties in the scheme that they would automatically wreck on the rock of deadlocks. But as a result of good will and mutual co-operation between the Minister and the other officers of Government, I think, we have got a record of political advancement and administrative reforms of which we can certainly feel proud".

That was the statement, Sir, when subsequently requests were made to take us further on the same road the position of the Government used to be reference to this statement that I read and then say there is section 8 of the Constitution Act. Therefore our goal is there. Our request was taking us unto that goal". The reply was "goal is there" we could not have it. We were requesting the executive Government to help us in reaching our goal which defined under section 8. Beautifully explained here in the extract that I read before the House. But, of course, in varying forms the substance of the Government position was this, section 8. One Joint Secretary to Government that again referring to this statement—Joint Secretary is laughing, because his name is coming—he stated that it was prerogative of His Highness the Maharaja to give us more. Whoever said it was otherwise we have only the prerogative but fortunately for us the prerogative has been used to the advantage of the people and our complaint is that the prerogative is not commensurate with the provision when the condition of Cochin and the political acumen of the people which endorsed and the co-operative spirit in which even the diarchical system of Government was worked by our Minister and the ministerial party. Next time when the identical subject came up here, of course, there was difference in the wording of the resolution. In certain instances the prayer was more departments may be transferred and at times 2 and at times 3 and there was at least the thing that is required for which we are fighting

*Speech not corrected by the Hon'ble Member.